

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

A PROCLAMATION, issued in accordance with Chapter 2.44 of the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code, proclaiming the existence, or imminent threat, of an emergency threatening the public health, safety, and welfare.

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Public Health District has been responding to the COVID-19 outbreak since February 3, 2020, including preparations for a possible outbreak in Kitsap County and assessing possible cases of novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the new cases of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and remains in "Standby" mode in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and continues to actively monitor the situation and coordinate with City staff, community partners, the general public, and local, county, regional, and state governmental partners; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the Kitsap Public Health District moved to full activation of their Emergency Coordination Center (ECC), is actively testing for COVID-19, and has received significant resource requests from across Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Kitsap Public Health District was notified of the first Kitsap County resident testing positive for COVID-19, an individual residing on Bainbridge Island; and

WHEREAS, the resident of Bainbridge Island who tested positive is in isolation and is receiving medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Public Health District has notified a small group of individuals who were identified as having had close contact with the resident who tested positive for COVID-19 and these individuals have been asked to stay home; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, Washington State has 136 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and of those cases, there have been 18 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the City has direct transportation links to areas of Washington State with active COVID-19 outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, the situation is sufficiently serious that it is necessary to proclaim an emergency within the City due to the possibility that the spread of COVID-19 may become a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.44 BIMC designates the City Manager as the executive head of the City for purposes of emergency management with the authority to proclaim emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, I, MORGAN SMITH, HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** An emergency, as defined in Chapter 38.52 RCW, RCW 43.06.010(12), RCW 39.04.280(3), and Chapter 2.44 BIMC, or imminent threat of such an emergency exists within the City of Bainbridge Island.
- Section 2.** The emergency, or imminent threat of an emergency, warrants the activation of the authority and the commencement of the plans and procedures authorized under Chapter 38.52 RCW and Chapter 2.44 BIMC to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- Section 3.** Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 and BIMC 2.44.110, public advertising and competitive bidding and procurement requirements of state law and the City Procurement Policy, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, are waived with respect to the solicitation and award of all contracts necessary to address the emergency or imminent threat of an emergency.
- Section 4.** This Proclamation shall continue in force and effect until terminated by the City Manager or rescinded by action of the City Council, whichever occurs first.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2020.



Morgan Smith, City Manager